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**THE EVENING LIGHT**  
 And  
**Church of God Evangel.**  
 "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 19: 36.  
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## APOLOGY FOR ABOVE TITLE.

it shall come to pass in that light shall not be dark. But it shall come to pass that at evening it shall be light." 1:5, 7.  
 "For thus saith the Lord God, Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." Ezekiel 34:11, 12.

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and whatsoever I bind upon earth shall be bound upon heaven; and whatsoever I loose upon earth shall be loosed upon heaven." Matt. 16:18.

head of the Saviour of 5:23.

the world, and to every creature. 15.

to observe all that I have commanded you. Matt. 23:20.

The dark and cloudy day has passed. We are now in the evening of this wonderful gospel age. The sheep must be gathered to all places.

scattered. They are coming, as the light is now shining, since the sun has dropped from behind the cloud once more in the western horizon, and is shining brightly, just before dropping behind the hills, which will usher in the night of awful tribulations. The full blaze of light beamed forth from the Pentecostal chamber, and shined forth with radiant glory in the early morning of the gospel day, and its beams have pierced through the dark ages and created warmth to many almost discouraged lives at intervals ever since the pouring out of the Spirit on the memorable day. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, said Jesus; and as the light burst forth with such glory and power in the first or early morning, when the sun was first seen rising above the eastern hills, then as Jesus is first and last also, we can expect nothing less in glory and power in the evening light than broke out over the eastern hills in the early morning of the gospel age. The evening light, the true light, is now shining, and the sheep are hearing His voice and coming from every place where they have been scattered during the cloudy and dark day. His church was planted in the early morning, and burst forth on the sea of humanity like a thunderbolt from heaven, and the sheep rushed into her fold.

declared to be preached to heaven.

The command to whom the come as it by our Lord the Church in the must be

neath our. The disciples in the given to give them power to morning to give what they did accomplish just what we to accomplish. He is given us today for the same purpose. We dare not falter. We shall not.

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shall see their hearts shall be enlarged.



Today

# NOTICES

From the Field

The Lakeland, Fla. district convention will convene at Bartow, Fla. March 17, 18 inclusive. Brother E. M. Ellis, state overseer, will be in charge, assisted by district overseer, C. M. Phillips. Ministers, God is depending on you, your state overseer is depending on you and I am depending on you, so please don't fail us. Let's reach our goal. Bring a well-filled basket of good eats and expect a heavenly table set also, so prepare. Friends, come and bring a mission offering. Let us make this one of the greatest conventions by inviting the Trinity.—C. M. Phillips, district overseer.

As I have been appointed to serve as district superintendent for Y. P. E. and Sunday School of the Hattiesburg, Miss. district, I wish to advise each one to do his best. All clerks and secretaries, report promptly on Monday following the last Sunday in each month to the state superintendent, Brother Arlie Dorman, 1108 River Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. May God bless you.—Dewitt C. Sharpe, Box 81, Morgantown, Miss.

A revival will begin March 3 at Great Falls, S. C. conducted by Evangelist Annie E. Jones. Neighboring churches are invited to attend and enjoy the blessings of God with us.—Margaret Jacobs.

To the churches of Missouri: If you haven't a Sunday School or Y. P. E. in your church, please let me know as we want a Sunday School and Y. P. E. in every church in this state. Pastors, please cooperate and see that your secretaries get their reports in on time.—Lee H. Holdman, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, 4333 Hunt Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

A revival is now on at the Church of God at Washington, D. C. There is good interest; God is blessing. Ten were at the altar last night. Pray for God to have His way in the revival. The evangelist is Brother Russell Bonneville of Crisfield, Md.—Pearl Auten, 601 L. St., S. W., Washington, D. C.

I am no longer in the evangelistic work but pastoring the work at Slater, S. C. God is greatly blessing. Three were saved and one sanctified last night. My address is Box 66, Slater, S. C.—R. C. Muncy.

This is to notify the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of Georgia that the Sunday School banner went to Toccoa with a

gain of 187. Brunswick came second with a gain of 37 and Cairo a gain of 23. The Y. P. E. banner went to Lindale with a gain of 1,055 and Fitzgerald with a gain of 40 for the month of January. Who will get the banners in February?—Roy Douglas, state superintendent, Box 782, Macon, Ga.

The Flint, Mich. district convention will convene at the west side Church of God, Flint, Mich., March 8 at 7:00 p. m. and continue through the 10th. Brother E. O. Kerce, state overseer, will be in charge. All the ministers on the district are expected to be there, also other districts are invited to be with us for this great feast.—L. L. Turner, district pastor, 1057 Hughes Ave., Flint, Mich.

We are beginning a revival at Sweetwater, Tenn. for E. Lesley Simmons, Jr.,

## SPECIAL NOTICE

### to Bishops and Evangelists

Those having held license 90 days, being full time employees and in good health, are eligible for Group Insurance without examination.

\$2,000.00 for only \$1.20 per month. Disability benefits in event of total and permanent disability. Church pays balance of entire cost.

Write for application blank now. All applications must be received at General Headquarters by March 30.

Correspond with J. H. Walker, General Overseer, or E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer.

so pray that the Lord will be with us in a great way and give wonderful results.—Bill Cook, Sparta, Tenn.

There will be a home-coming at the Church of God at Jones Chapel the fifth Sunday in March, the 31st. Everybody is invited. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. We especially invite all our neighboring churches and their pastors. We are praying for the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be present. Our pastor, Brother Thurston Rodgers, will be in charge. Don't forget the date. Pray for God to have His way.—M. C. Lee, clerk, Rt. 3, Box 90, Vinemont, Ala.

To whom it may concern: This is to let you know that Sister Pearl Beal is no longer the clerk of the Church of God (colored), at Pittsburgh, Pa. The clerk of our church is Sister Bessie Moses, 318 Arlington Ave., S. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.—R. H. Pease (colored), pastor, R. F. D. 1, Somerset, Pa.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of

Mrs. Mamie W. Gibbs, age twenty-one years, light brown eyes, weight about one hundred twenty-five pounds, and black hair, please notify us. She may be in the southern or western states.—Mrs. Dora Gibson, Rt. 2, Hixson, Tenn.

The Pennsylvania state assembly for the colored work will convene Aug. 12-18 at 3835 Haverford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.—C. F. Bright, state overseer.

We praise the Lord for our year so far at Ravenna, Ky. We left the church at Blue Diamond and came here and found a lot of good people. We love them and love to work with them. They have certainly stood by us this year. We are in a revival now with Brother A. W. Mills. The Lord is blessing and we are having wonderful services. We ask all to pray that we will have a good revival and many souls will find the Lord.—John Newton, pastor, Ravenna, Ky.

I am starting a revival here. Please pray for our success. The saints have had things hard and we want to get a building soon. We have the promise of a lot for a church. The meeting started Feb. 18.—Evangelist Bertha G. Shideler, c/o T. W. Truett, Pineville, Ky.

To the ministers, clerks, Sunday School and Y. P. E. workers of the state of Mississippi. Following is a schedule of the district conventions: Tallahala district, March 15-17; Morgantown district, March 29-31; Meadville district, April 12-14; Cleveland district, April 19-21; Stonefield district, April 26-28; Rocky Hill district, May 10-12; Eupora district, May 17-19; Oak Grove district, May 24-26.

Now dear coworkers, I am sure we can all see and feel the effects of the crop failure last year as well as the severe cold weather this year, but may we look on the bright side of life and hope for better things to happen. Let's push the one dollar member drive. Some churches have already raised this amount and some others that I know of are determined to have this raised by the time of their district convention.

As you already know, all pastors and churches that have raised the one dollar per member and are up with their five per cent missions will be on the honor roll at the state convention. I believe it will be a good idea to have two honor rolls—one for the pastors and churches that are over the top by the time of the district conventions and the other for the pastors and churches that are over the top between the time of the district conventions and the time of the state convention. The

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# ✿ The Aggressive Power of Christianity ✿

BY E. E. WINTERS

**T**HEREFORE they were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word," Acts 8:4.

Our text carries us back to days of persecution for the Word's sake. The empire which Satan had so long held was now rapidly waning before the power of the cross. He began to try his wicked devices but his devices against the truth were vain. The cause of righteousness gained ground daily, gained fresh strength from fresh opposition. Converts to Christ were multiplied even around the stake, and the agents of Satan in this work of intended extermination were made to see that all their apparent victories were really defeats, the blood of martyrs proved the seed of the Church. One reason for this is intimated by the fact stated in the text, "That they were scattered abroad went everywhere," and wherever they went they acted out their religion, publishing it with their lips and enforcing by their lives the gospel of the grace of God. From this statement I deduce the doctrine of this discourse—that it is pre-eminently an aggressive movement that the Church is to prosper. By this means she is to maintain spiritual life in her own soul, cause religion to flourish at home, and extend its triumphs throughout the world.

1. The truth of this doctrine is suggested by the first impulses of the religious principle, the spirit of love in every Christian bosom. False religionists, both among pagans and nominal Christians, have, I know taught that piety was a kind of dormant, contemplative spirit; that its power was to be manifested in patient endurance rather than holy action. This same idea is prevalent today. Now it is not the true spirit of religion but the want of it that leads to such erroneous views of Christian duty. The unsophisticated promptings of the new-born soul are always to active effort for God. This is strikingly exhibited in young converts who are full of zeal for the Lord. It is illustrated with great beauty in the conduct of Christ's earliest disciples; so must it be, for true religion is the spirit of Christ. It looks with pain upon the evils of sin, under whatever form they may appear. It sees the world lying in wickedness and it is not satisfied with sighing over its miseries. Its language is "Something must be done." It conceives plans, it de-

mands efforts for the world's conversion. Every real Christian that lives in the spirit of religion may consult his own consciousness on this subject. In his most favored hours and nearest approaches to God, he will find his impulses to religious effort strongest. The history of the apostles and primitive Christians confirms this view.

2. The doctrine I have stated further



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appears from the fact that truth is the grand instrument which God employs to overthrow the kingdom of Satan and advance the kingdom of His Son. Now we know that the truth can be available for this high end only as it is brought into contact with the human mind, and this, of course, involves a great enterprise on the part of the Church of the very char-

acter spoken of in the text. The Word of God must not only be translated into all the languages of the earth, but it must be carried to every man's doorstep. Not only that, its great truths must be pressed home upon every man's conscience. What a mighty work here opens to all of us. It is an aggressive work, a missionary movement.

Surely there are enough facts before us to show us that the strongholds of the devil and sin cannot be torn down by sighs and prayers alone, neither by the sound of the trumpet blast as the walls of Jericho fell before Israel of old. Our Captain has seen fit to appoint other means of success, means which will task all our energies and demand all our resources—resources of men and money, of talent and influence. Both the necessity and the vital importance of the aggressive movements of the Church appear from the very attitude of a fallen world, not by her passive virtues nor by any means which aim chiefly at conservation rather than aggression.

Look at Christ's own instructions on this subject. His disciples are not permitted to remain permanently with Him. They are being prepared for a specific purpose. They are being fitted for their great work as ambassadors for God. The moment this is accomplished Jesus sends them forth into all the cities of Judea to preach repentance and warn the people to flee from the wrath to come. Call to mind also His last command, "Go teach all nations;" "Go ye into all the world,

and preach the gospel to every creature." When has any signal advance been made in the work of human salvation, except by a movement similar to that described in the text? The very foundations of hope toward God were laid in our world by a stupendous movement of this very character. Christ's great redeeming enterprise—what was it but one of aggression? "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Look at His whole career, from the manger to the cross. It was a missionary career. He sought out, often at the hazard of His life, the miserable victims of disease and sin. He transcends the hills of Judea, walks the shores of Galilee, journeying on foot without a home of His own, and as He Himself affectingly says, without a place to lay His head. The evangelical  
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## Congratulations From Pentecostal Holiness Advocate

Dear Brother Simmons:

*This is to extend our cordial congratulations to The Evangel, its editor and staff, on the thirtieth anniversary of the paper.*

*These years of service to your Church have borne fruit in the expansion of your organization and in the promotion of those cardinal truths for which you stand.*

*It is indeed a pleasure to extend to you at this time the greetings of the Christian brotherhood, and to wish for your future all the success and progress which your faithfulness to Christ and His Word may merit.*

In His name,

G. H. Montgomery, Editor.



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### Looking Backward

UP until the Fifth Annual Assembly, January 10, 1910, the Church of God had made no arrangements for a paper through which to publish its doctrine. Many had by this time begun to realize the need of such a periodical and this realization caused the appointment of a committee to ascertain whether or not the infant organization was able to finance such an undertaking. This committee was not very long in deciding, reporting very favorably, and recommended that a publishing committee be appointed to begin at once a publication. A. J. Tomlinson, M. S. Lemons, F. J. Lee, T. L. McLain, Sam C. Perry, A. J. Lawson, and George T. Brouayer were appointed as the first publishing committee to get out a Church paper. Only one of this committee, however, is with us to tell the story of its procedure. This one is T. L. McLain, and he and wife became the first paid-up subscribers to the Church of God Evangel.

The committee immediately went to work and by March 1, 1910, had the first issue of the paper ready. It was named "The Evening Light and Church of God Evangel." Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Bryant, who are charter members of the Church of God, were also subscribers to the first issue of the Evangel, and Brother Bryant helped to wrap the first issue and take it to the post office.

Brother McLain was also a contributor to the first Evangel, having an article, "The Latter Rain," in it. This first issue also contained an article from R. M. Evans, the first recognized missionary of the Church of God, who was stationed at Nassau, New Providence, Bahama Islands.

After one year of publication the name of the paper was changed from "The Evening Light and Church of God Evangel" to "The Church of God Evangel" and has had that name since that time. By January, 1912, the subscription list had climbed to 2,135 subscribers, by 1915 to 5,000 subscribers, thus the official organ of the Church of God grew until it has come to the enviable position it occupies today.

### The Cover

OUR cover page this week shows a picture story of the growth of the Church of God publishing interest. The first printing plant was located at 2524 Gaut Street in the city of Cleveland. The building was a one-story structure, 20x30, and was erected at a cost of \$327.31. The plant, however, was not owned, at that time, by the Church, but a yearly rental was paid for its use. The ma-

chinery, or some of it, most of which had been donated, belonged to the Church, yet the paper was printed on contract.

In the year 1917 the Church purchased more machinery and opened a plant of its own, using its own church help. It was set up in the same building on Gaut Street, which building was rented, the building, however was too small and had to be enlarged so an addition at the back of the old building, 20x30, and two-stories high, was built. It was in that year, 1917, that the Church undertook the printing of its own Sunday School literature, which has been a continued business with the publishing interest, and has grown to very large proportions.

In the year 1918 another addition was built onto the house used by the publishing plant, at a cost of \$883.57, and in 1919 a third addition, at the rear, a three-story annex, 37x50, was elected at a cost of \$4,463.90. Sometime during the year of 1918 or 1919 the Church took over this building, purchased other machinery, and at the end of 1919, after two years had elapsed since a report was given, on account of no Assembly in 1918 (because of a flu epidemic), the Assembly received a very satisfactory report from the publisher. By 1922 the publishing house fixtures were valued at \$37,794.00 and a gross business that year of \$32,220.00 was done.

In the years 1934 and 1935, while E. C. Clark was Editor and Publisher, the Church built the large, new building that we occupy today. This building was built at an initial cost of \$26,590.39.

**The Editors of The Church of God Evangel** FOR more than twelve years the General Overseer was editor of the Church of God Evangel by virtue of his office. There



Rev. and Mrs. L. McLain

had never been a separate office, Editor and Publisher, created, but at the Assembly of 1922 a provision was made for an Editor who was to have charge of all the publications of the Church and J. S. Llewellyn was chosen to fill that position. He served in that capacity until 1927. There were several things instituted by him in the Church of God Publishing that will be long remembered, among them the institution of a regular hour of prayer.

The Assembly of 1927 chose a publishing committee and made it its duty to hire an Editor and Publisher. This committee chose S. W. Latimer. The selection was placed before the Assembly and ratified. He served only one year at that time as he was elected as General Overseer upon the death of F. J. Lee, and the Publishing Interest Committee chose, in his stead, W. M. Letsinger of Knoxville, Tennessee as Editor and Pub-

# The Evangel Speaks

By Laura Adrene Sanders

*If every child of God could see  
My course for thirty years,  
Each voice would thrill the air with  
praise,  
Each face be drenched with tears.  
I started just a little lad,  
To tread familiar sod,  
But soon I grew to be a man  
And crossed the seas for God.*

*By carriage, rail, by bus, by boat,  
By modern planes in air,  
From sea to sea has been my course,  
On strong, swift wings of prayer.  
Blessed by the hands of godly saints  
I hurry on my way,  
To warn the world that Christ is near.  
"Prepare!" my pages say.*

*I meet the young man as I go,  
I gird his straying feet  
With all the truth God has in store  
To keep the youthful sweet.  
I stop within a mother's hands  
And while she welcomes me  
The little children crowd around  
And climb upon her knee.*

*Then father comes in from his work  
And takes his usual chair;  
They read aloud what God has wrought,  
Then kneel in praise and prayer.  
The aged revere my message too,  
For oft a trembling form  
Shouts, "Praise the Lord," because I tell  
Of Christ who rides the storm.*

*The sick folk also call me friend,  
For I am often laid  
Upon a body spent with pain  
When they feel sore afraid.  
The saints who send me forth with prayer  
Make me to heal the sick,  
Because I have the Word which makes  
Their mortal bodies quick.*

*For thirty years I've told the world  
Of mansions on that shore  
Where holiness becomes His house  
Now and forevermore.  
Still pointing to the Son of God  
Who suffered just outside  
The gates, to sanctify His Church  
That she might be His Bride.*

*I've blessed the black of Africa,  
The yellow of Japan,  
Have said, "All hail!" to India,  
"Behold the Son of Man."  
Isles of the sea have heard from me;  
Europe and Asia too.  
Australia's call, as shadows fall,  
Rings clear across the blue.*

*America, both North and South,  
Have stood with open door,  
And I have watched the reapers reap  
Rich grain upon the floor.  
With garner full I hasten on  
To bid them build some more,  
That we might care for God's last crop  
Because I hear the roar—*

*The thunder of God's judgment sounds,  
And I must do my part.  
A silent messenger am I,  
To warn the sluggish heart.  
Get justified; get sanctified,  
Then let the Holy Ghost  
Fill your whole soul until He lifts  
The Bride to meet her Host.*



Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Bryant

lisher. M. W. Letsinger served from the Assembly of 1928 until January 31, 1931, when he was killed by the discharge of a shotgun.

At the Assembly following the death of Brother Letsinger, R. P. Johnson was chosen as Editor and Publisher. In this position he served only one year for at the next Assembly E. C. Clark was chosen in that position. Brother Clark is from West Virginia. He served in the capacity of Editor and Publisher from the year 1932 to the year 1935. The Assembly of 1935 chose J. H. Walker as General Overseer and S. W. Latimer returned to the position of Editor and Publisher. Brother Latimer remained in that position until the Assembly of last year in Atlanta, Georgia, when and where E. L. Simmons was chosen as the Editor.

## Birthday Rites

ON yesterday morning at 8:30 each of the staff and employees at the Church of God Publishing House met in the prayer room. There was nothing unusual about the time of meeting for this is an event that takes place every morning at 8:30. But this morning was a different morning. The atmosphere was charged with a thought, a thought that had not heretofore been predominant. That thought was, "Today is the Evangel's birthday."

After they had all gathered in, the Publishing House quartet arose and sang a birthday song, number 51 in the new yearbook, "Singing for Jesus,"

*Many happy returns for the day of thy birth,  
May sunshine and gladness be given;  
May the dear Lord prepare thee on earth  
For a beautiful birthday in heaven.*

*May your life as a flower burst forth as a rose,  
Give fragrance of gladness so sweet;  
Blooming so full, in sweetest repose,  
Shining like stars in splendor replete.*

*The mistakes of your life all may number so great,  
Remember forgiveness is thine;  
Hold up your head, 'tis never too late,  
As a light for the Savior to shine.*

Immediately after the quartet sang, Miss Sammie Simmons gave a reading, "The Evangel Speaks." Many of the Publishing House employees who had been in the employ of the Church for many years gave short talks about the blessings they had received while helping to prepare the messages of salvation that went out over the country. It was a great pleasure to have with us our General Overseer, Assistant General Overseer, and General Secretary. The short service in honor of the paper was climaxed with a prayer by the General Overseer invoking God's richest blessings upon the Evangel in future years, at the close of which all joined in concert prayer.



### Sunday, March 3

*"It is manna."*

Read Exod. 16:14, 15.

An honest inquirer once said to a minister, "Brother, I would like for you to give me a description of manna," to which the minister replied, "What is it?" "Manna," he said, "is what I want to know about. Can you tell me what it was?" "What is it?" again the preacher replied, "Well, that is what I want to know," the inquirer went on. "That's what it is," replied the preacher, "What is it?" And so that is why it was called manna, because they did not know what it was, therefore, they called it "What is it?" How strikingly similar to the Pentecostal experience for which so many people have wanted an explanation. "What meaneth this?" the people said. The reply of Peter was, "This is that." The experience in comparison to manna is much better to the taste and just as in-explainable.

### Monday, March 4

*"Sanctify them."*

Read St. John 17:15-20.

Perhaps one of the most beautiful characteristics of Christ was that He was set apart from the world, from other people. He was unique. He was consecrated and dedicated to the service and position for which He came to earth. Through such a separation and dedication He became our Christ and made it possible that all those who follow Him might also be sanctified, consecrated, and dedicated to that work to which He, as the Mediator of a new and better covenant, had called them. Such an experience is God's will for all.

### Tuesday, March 5

*"This is the stone."*

Read Acts 4:11, 12.

There is nothing more substantial or stable as a foundation upon which to build than stone, but this stone was not only a foundation stone. A beautiful story

has been told of the building of the temple, that when all had been completed except the final cap stone, it was searched for and it was found that it had been disregarded and moved from time to time by the builders. They hardly knew where it was to be placed. But its final place was in the finishing. This stone is the foundation and cap stone, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of our salvation, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

### Wednesday, March 6

*"But for a moment."*

Read 2 Cor. 4:16, 17.

A clergyman was once summoned to a deathbed in one of the slums of South London. Flight after flight of stairs were mounted until he came to the topmost flat and found his way into a miserable room with hardly any furniture. There a poor, half-starved old man was dying in great pain. As he entered he could not help saying, "Oh, I am so sorry for you." "Sorry for me?" the old man replied. "Think of my wonderful prospects." And so it is with the child of God as he faces death. These light afflictions work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

### Thursday, March 7

*"Love not the world."*

Read 1 John 2:15, 16.

The true status of the believer is that while he is in the world, he is not of the world. Jesus prayed for His disciples, not that they should be taken out of the world but that they should be kept from the evil of the world. There is a wide, shallow river in Arizona, the Rio Puerco, that has its peculiarity. Its bed is nearly all quicksand on which you may travel with safety provided you keep moving, but the instant a halt is made the treacherous sands begin to engulf you. How like the world that is. God never intended that we should tarry in it since the fall.

### Friday, March 8

*"Fight the good fight."*

Read 1 Tim. 6:12.

In these days when the atmosphere is charged with war, every newspaper you pick up tells of bloody battles or the loss of lives through the sinking of ships, the thought of a good fight would help one's feelings. During one of the great battles of the Civil War, a recruit who had lost his company in the tumult of strife approached General Sheridan and timidly asked where he should step in. "Step in," roared Sheridan, "step in anywhere. There is fighting all along the line." And so it

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## Question Box

**Question:** If Jesus was buried on Friday and was already risen very early the first day of the week, as some preach it, please explain Matt. 12:40.—J. W. A.

**Answer:** The common doctrine is that Christ was crucified on Friday and that He rose early on Sunday morning. Many theologians, however, do not agree with this. It is true that the day upon which Christ was crucified was the preparation for the Sabbath, but John 19:

31 says, "For that sabbath day was a high day," which shows that it was not an ordinary sabbath. It was the preparation for the passover and the passover sabbath did not always come on the last day of the week but on different days. According to this, Christ could have been crucified on Wednesday and been in the tomb Wednesday night, Thursday, Thursday night, Friday, Friday night, and Saturday, and been raised from the dead Saturday evening after sundown, which would have been the dawn of a new Jewish day.

In John 20:1 Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early on the first day of the week while it was yet dark. The stone was rolled away and Jesus was gone. Matt. 28:1 says, "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week." The sabbath ended at sundown and the first day of the week began. The 2nd verse says, "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." And this is the condition the women found the tomb in. Just how long it had been that way is not known. It is very probable that Christ was crucified on Wednesday and placed in the tomb that evening, and that He was resurrected right after sundown on Saturday, which was the beginning of the first day of the week. There is, however, no material difference as far as our salvation is concerned, whether He arose on Saturday or Sunday, or whether He was crucified on Wednesday or Friday.

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**Answer:** Please answer what is the rereward in the sixth chapter of Joshua, and the thirteenth verse? Also, how far was it around the walls of Jericho?—J. R. B.

**Answer:** The word "rereward" in Josh. 3:16 is the same as "rearward" and means a rear guard. During the time of

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## ✿ History of the L. W. W. B. ✿

In the year 1929, on November 16, in the little town of Electra, Texas, where we were pastoring at that time, after much worry and prayer about financial conditions, God began to deal with my heart to organize the ladies and go to work. After speaking to some of the sisters about it, they heartily agreed with me that it would be the thing to do. We set a day to meet and sixteen were present. We read some scriptures, had prayer, then organized what is now known as the L. W. W. B. Well, it isn't bad to find a name for it after reading the 35th chapter of Exodus.

We organized our band into two groups, the Red and Blue, with a group captain over each group also secretary and treasurer, I being the president. The groups met different places once a week. I met with the Reds one week and the Blues the other, one group not knowing what the other did. At the end of each month both sides met at the church and the group that won got the b'ue ribbon.

Our enthusiasm spread and everybody seemed to have a mind to work. Now just work isn't the only purpose of the L. W. W. B. We had a list of names of different ones in whose souls' welfare we were interested. We took them one by one and prayed for them. We also had a list of names of our brethren, or anyone, who pledged to give so much if they got a job, and usually they would get some work that week and pay their pledge. God put His approval on it by a wonderful revival breaking out in our church. We didn't have to send for an evangelist or advertise it, God did all that by His power being so great in our midst. We never knew from one service till the next who would bring the message, as God used the laity as well as the pastor, and there wasn't much preaching after all. Sometimes the altar call was made in the first song service, sometimes in the praise service; maybe someone would preach then make the altar call. We'll, it was wonderful to watch God work. I believe this revival lasted five weeks. The result was thirty-six filled with the Holy Ghost. Some seed fell on good ground and in this number we got a real deacon. He is one of the best I ever saw. We also got other good material for the Church, and they still have the victory. That's what counts.

The fire spread and the news went all over the big state of Texas. Our overseer at the time was Brother E. W. Williams. He made us a visit, took notice of our good work and caught the spirit. When he returned to his home in Ft. Worth they went to work and had wonderful results.

Brother B. L. Hicks, at that time, was state overseer of Oklahoma. He and



MRS. S. J. WOOD,  
Founder of the L. W. W. B.

Brother George Douglas came over to hold us a revival and the Willing Workers' spirit got hold of them and they helped us quilt. We'll, that's all right. They were like the old woman who went to battle and just took her walking cane. Someone asked, "Grandma, what are you doing out here?" She replied, "I am showing my colors." Well, if there were more of us showing our colors, the Church would be in a better condition.

The next year my husband was placed as state overseer of Texas and that gave me a good chance to organize an L. W. W. B. in each church. By that time I was receiving letters from different states inquiring about how to organize an L. W. W. B. In our Elders' Council that convened in Cleveland, Tennessee, in the year 1936, this was passed on. Turn to page 102 of the 1939 Minutes and read for yourself. It might be we'll for some state overseers and pastors as well to read

### CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE GOSPEL HERALD

On the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of The Church of God Evangel, we wish to offer our hearty congratulations, and voice our great pleasure in knowing that this worthy publication has had so great a ministry. We of the Gospel Herald have seen real value in the contents of The Church of God Evangel, evidenced by the fact that up to date we are pleased to reprint material found therein. May the Lord bless the mission and ministry of The Church of God Evangel, and ever keep it true to the tenets of the Word of God.—Editor.

this. Some of our preachers pass this up unheeded, ignoring it as if nothing had been passed. I'm sure you don't know its benefits or you would see to it that each church had one. Oh, it was hard to get so many of our people to organize a Y. P. E. Instead, they would criticize it, but it has overcome the danger point and they find that it is a great blessing to the Church where it is kept spiritual and carried on by Church of God members, that means they are saved at least.

Now remember that the L. W. W. B. is the baby of the Church and isn't so strong in places. It needs your help and a boost instead of criticism. Come on now and be loyal to the Church and stand by all of its teachings. You need not be afraid of anything that twelve good, Holy-Ghost, God-fearing men pass on, so go right to work and organize an L. W. W. B. in your church and see what a blessing it is to your church.

May God bless the L. W. W. B. and may it grow and go—over the top. Our colors are white and black; our flower is the white carnation; our theme song is "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Our motto is Neb. 2:20b, "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build."

### Loves the Evangel

QULIN, Mo.—I still have victory in my soul and am trusting the Lord with both soul and body. I truly love the Evangel; I would feel lost without it with its wonderful testimonies, the many Spirit-filled sermons and the good foreign mission news which is food to my soul. It makes my heart rejoice to read of the progress of the Church of God and the new churches which are being taken over. My heart is thirsting for a church building to be erected again here; many souls are hungry and thirsty for a Church of God here. We are greatly in need of a leader. Pray for us to get a place of worship. Our tabernacle burned down. I earnestly desire the prayers of all God's people that the Lord will have His way in my life. Encouraging letters from any one would be appreciated. I am trusting that somewhere in the future I can be out in the work of the Lord.—Nancy Hedge, clerk.

### Expecting Jesus to Come

LAKE CITY, Fla.—Thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost. I hope the dear ones who are now away from God in sin will find Jesus as precious to them as I have found Him. This life is only permitted us to get ready to meet our dear Lord in glory. I am expecting Him to come at any hour. By His help I intend to make heaven my home. — Mrs. O. Langdale.

# Mexican Group Unites With Church

HERE are the pictures you have been waiting to see—the views at the union of the National Christian Church of the Assemblies of God with the Church of God which occurred Jan. 25, 1940, in Mexico City, which added 4,816 members, including 68 ministers, 82 churches and missions. These are your new brothers and sisters and friends in Mexico, together with four members of the Mission Board, Brother J. H. Ingram, overseer of Mexico, and your General Overseer.

The picture on this page shows Brother David G. Ruesga, the overseer, with a large group of his faithful ministers standing on the rostrum with his left hand on Brother E. W. Williams' shoulder and the other extended to your General Overseer who grasps it, thus symbolizing the acceptance and union of the entire membership to the Church of God. (Incidentally, the secret ballot taken just previous to the union showed that every one of the ministers unanimously voted to unite with the Church of God, and in fact, there was not a dissenting vote among them nor among the entire Congress (Assembly) when the question was put to them.) Praise God for His glorious leadings and the marvelous way He manifested Himself to us there.

Seated on the platform are Brother J. H. Ingram, overseer of Mexico, and the Mission Board. Our Brother Ingram is seated to the extreme left, second to right is Brother M. P. Cross, overseer of West Virginia, third is Brother E. C. Clark, overseer of Ohio, fourth is Brother E. W. Williams, chairman of the Board and overseer of North Carolina, fifth is Brother E. E. Winters, pastor of the Church of God at East Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The two beautiful bouquets of lovely red roses, given by the congregation and florist as a token of appreciation of the great union effected, were presented to Brothers J. H. Walker and David G.

Ruesga, the representatives.

Directly behind the rostrum is the baptistry with its beautiful landscape scenery. Among the clouds can be seen the dove representing the Holy Spirit descending. Here we saw fifty-four (I believe) follow the Lord in baptism about 1:30 a. m. at the closing of a very busy,

beautiful songs and praised our God for His marvelous goodness during this great convention. Incidentally, many of the songs were translated from our song books which Brother Ruesga and party obtained at our last General Assembly at Atlanta, Georgia, so that we were privileged to hear our songs in another tongue and



full day.

I am very sorry I am unable to give you the interpretations from the mottos and banners shown here, but you can see the pipe organ to the right, the piano to the left is entirely hidden; but then, no picture, by word or otherwise, could show the beautiful, soul-stirring music and songs we heard in this wonderful assembly.

Now look at these precious, lovely, reverential, God-fearing people in both pictures. Mexicans are delightful to know. I think they must be the best natured people in the world and surely their children are the best behaved. From my observation of them in general, it seems all of them go about their work and living in the spirit of play. Their language is so smooth, sweet and pleasing—the linguists classify it as the language of romance. It is also known as the language of the gods. At any rate, I wish you could have seen and heard these people as they sang the

happily sing together the same songs in two languages.

Pleasant memories—indeed! As I reflect on this precious people over 2,000 miles away, my heart goes out to God in praise for them and the work they are doing in rescuing souls for His glory. It is pleasant to remember that lovable spirit of congeniality we felt in their midst, also the amiable hospitality they extended to each other and to us. The balcony to the extreme rear of the beautiful building was converted to sleeping quarters during the Assembly. They all ate at the union table which, I guess, was approximately 300 feet long. They made special arrangements and gave us the best rooms they had. Brother Ruesga, his faithful companion and daughters were ever constantly working to serve us in the best way they possibly could. As you can imagine, during the Assembly there is always so much to be done and everyone taxed to the limit of his strength it



# Church of God as Overseers Shake Hands

seemed. Every night the services lasted until sometimes one or two o'clock in the morning. I remember how self-sacrificing everyone was.

At the special night devoted to the young people's service, they gave a drama which was most interesting and soul-stirring. Brother Ruesga at our last General

had so bitterly opposed his father for sometime rushed to him and threw his arms around his neck and begged forgiveness, which the father so willingly did, and both went to the floor on their knees, and God gloriously saved this young man. I do not remember the number saved, but there were several young

were kneeling so thickly you could scarcely move among them. All the Mission Board, Brother Ingram and I, as well as the native ministers, were working so hard and praying for these sincere seekers until we became almost exhausted. The altitude of Mexico City is over 7,000 feet, the air is so light until we would

have to sit down and rest between times in the altar work. Three times I came near falling and had to sit down and rest and yet they kept coming, then the native preachers helped us to arrange for them to come more in line. They would file across the rostrum as we would pray for them. As some would move on others would come walking on their knees right on where we could touch them. I don't know whenever before I have had such a spirit of prayer. My heart went out to them in their need. While we could not speak to them and instruct them as we desired, we knew our God understood all languages, and was able to grant the petition so earnestly sought. Oh, how I wish I could tell you or you could have been present in this meeting.

Brother Ruesga came almost collapsing during the baptismal service but special prayer was made and he was strengthened and was enabled to finish the baptismal service, after which he requested the General Overseer to take charge of the services conducting the business, making special announcements and officially closing the Assembly.

The last night we were there, some two or three hundred stayed in the church all night, prayers were offered up all night long and as we came out of our rooms with our luggage about 4 a. m. they rose up, lifted up their hands and earnestly prayed while we stood weeping, then they sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Again I wish to thank the Mission Board for their untiring, self-sacrificing services rendered on this trip, I feel it was a great experience for them and God will

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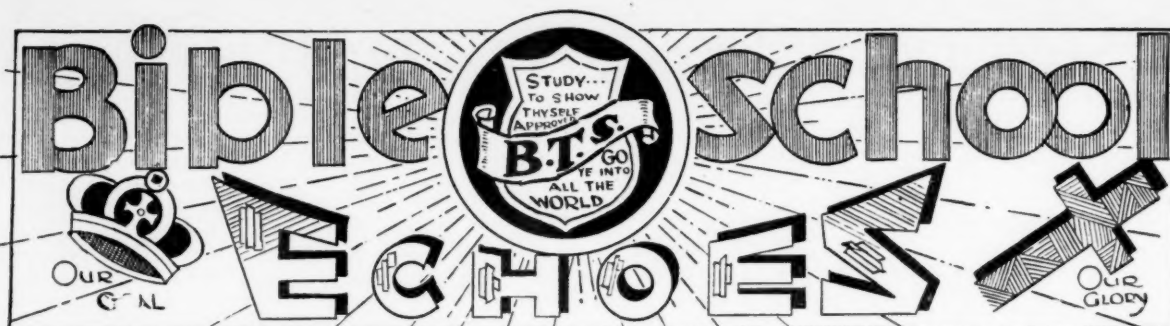


Assembly saw and heard the drama presented by our people, which, though not understanding the words, he said he greatly appreciated. Then, upon his return from United States and Canada, doing all the driving himself which was over 12,000, he became very weak and was confined to his bed for weeks. While lying in bed thinking of our good program, and having written all the Christmas plays he had used for years, he wrote and dictated the drama which was so beautifully done by these talented young people.

The drama so vividly portrayed the end of the age, revealing the things that will transpire before the coming of the Lord and during the tribulation until God so marvelously came on the scene, conviction seized the unsaved and there was weeping throughout all the building. The stage which had been representing unreal future things became immediately true realities and with tears streaming down their faces they cried aloud and fell to their knees in prayer. Some two or three of the characters were unsaved. One who

men and women who were gloriously saved at the close of that meeting. Oh, how I did wish I could understand and speak the Spanish language fluently. After the meeting the leader, National President of the Young People, came to me and through the interpreter told me to tell all the young people in the United States to pray especially that God would undertake for them, also for you to remember that they in Mexico were praying earnestly for you.

The night following the young people's service there were literally hundreds, I feel safe in saying between four and five hundred, who came to the rostrum for prayer. Numbers of them were sincerely seeking God for relief from the burden of sin. I was especially touched by the sincerity of the mothers who would come with their children, some almost grown young men. Through the interpreter they would explain just what trouble they were in. Some showed deep sorrow and conviction, others you could see that sin held them bound. On the rostrum they



To the Church of God Evangel:

I am taking this opportunity to send greetings to the Evangel family, especially to former B. T. S. classmates and teachers. I am thankful to be able to still report victory through the keeping power of Christ.

Besides taking care of my pastorate I count it a privilege to be in the Northwest Bible School, as a student and teacher. God has certainly granted us a wonderful term thus far; and the end is not yet.

The following article is sincerely submitted.

### Christian Zeal

Relative to our theme I wish to refer you to a text found in 2 Sam. 24:24, *"And the King said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver."*

The age in which we are living today has been referred to by many a title, some appropriate, others not quite so. But when we think of King David another title seems to offer itself appropriate; namely, "The CHEAP AGE." People the world over are trying to get just as much as they can out of the world for as little as possible. This principle is readily noticed by a glance at the action of the European terrorists that are trying to gain possessions by force of arms. The same spirit is manifested in our own country. That is why the depression is lasting so long; it is also the cause of many a sit-down strike. People are wanting more money and are wanting to work less. There may be exceptions of course, be that as it may, we wish to call your attention especially to the workings of this spirit in the religious realms, where it is also perhaps most vividly manifested.

Preachers that would refuse to preach without a guaranteed salary, will have the nerve to ask to be relieved from the Sunday morning service that they may spend the time in recreation, perhaps on a hunting or fishing trip. As long as the pay is received, the neglected souls that

may finally land in an eternal doom cause them very little concern.

Others there are that would like to come into the church, or even get to heaven on ever so cheap a fare. They would like to be Christians, but oh! IT COSTS SO MUCH. They would like to come to God, but still they would like to hang on to their worldliness and sin.

Matt. 15:18. The lost son had gone so far as to be a swine herder; but he said, "I will arise and go unto my Father." He made up his mind and he meant BUSINESS, business in going to his father. The first thing he did was to forsake hogs, hog pen and all. Today people would like to go back to Father's house, all right, but they would like to take their livestock with them. Rev. 21:27. Referring to New Jerusalem: "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth." Here is one reason why the Church of God isn't so popular; the old herd must be forsaken. Some time ago while helping in a tent meeting in a certain South Dakota town, a certain church lady complained, saying, "My! it's just awful in our church on Sunday mornings sometimes, beer odors,—smells like a pig pen." For such a condition I can figure out no other reason than that the gospel wires have been let down and the pigs have gotten in.

Just notice this, that we cannot come to God in just any old way, for He will accept us in no other way than when we come with a deep-down desire to know Him and with enough holy zeal to forsake the sins of our wanderings.

I am reminded of a man that once made the remark that the Church of God services are altogether too emotional and lively. However, I observed this same party persuade a certain young man under conviction during a revival service, but still unwilling to take a public stand by going to the altar, to just hurriedly kneel by his seat and accept Christ. Of course God will save a person kneeling at his seat but that man that is ashamed to kneel at the altar with the people of God is not likely to get saved any other place. Take for instance, Zacchaeus, he was short of stature and could not see Jesus, but he had the zeal to get by that,

and we find out that he climbed the tree. While on the other hand, the rich and intellectual ruler turned away in sorrow, because he didn't have that necessary desire to come to God that would cause him to forsake the world.

Also, our zeal is not to end when we come to God. Here again many a soul has failed. Perhaps most of us have observed those that have come to God in great zeal and excitement, but that also has been the beginning of the end of the Christian zeal. The doctrine of eternal security has become a popular issue in the realms of religion today, which is to say, Once a child of God always a child of God. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." "As ye have received the Lord so walk ye in Him." Col. 2:6. If it took sincerity and zeal in coming to Christ, it is only reasonable to admit that it will take no less to abide in Him.

In Rom. 12:11 we are exhorted to be "fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord." So whatever our lot might be in the service of the King, let us do it with a fervent zeal as unto the Lord. Now it is sad but true, that there are those who profess Christianity, and have become so limited that they bar everything of accomplishment from the Master's service. But I can conceive the will of God as nothing else than that He expects nothing less than the best from His servant; whether he be pastor, pianist or church janitor.

Space forbids a further enlargement of the subject, but in closing I'll submit this illustration. During my last year in the Cleveland B. T. S., I worked on weekends in one of the local grocery stores. Nearly every Saturday our store was crowded with customers and all hands were kept busy. The very next door was also a grocery store, and I noticed many times while passing by on my way to lunch, that our store was crowded while the other was practically empty. I set out to determine the reason for this contrast, and the results were that I took into consideration, first of all, our manager was a man "not slothful in business." He was a real manager. Then the clerks were advised to, and expected to, and did stay on the job. I also had several occasions to

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# LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

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*An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy*  
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*"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.*

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

Hon. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, has sailed for Europe, ostensibly on a mission of peace. The efforts put forth by this government to bring about peace on earth are commendable but futile. The belligerent countries have now reached that phase where almost every breast is filled with hatred for their country's foe. Then, again, there can be no peace between the enemies of God and His defenders. However, there will be peace. But not until the "Prince of Peace" shall establish His throne in the city of David.

The allies are creating a huge army in Egypt, on a very strategic route to Palestine. They think the army is there to protect the allied interests in the Balkan countries and Turkey. Let God's people remember that a very great and decisive battle is to be fought by the armies of the Antichrist and the armies of heaven. It is my well-considered opinion that the hand of our God is causing that army to be placed where it is. Well over 500,000 men, well equipped mechanically and otherwise, are ready to start the march. Soon the troubled earth will hear the cry: "On to Armageddon!" God grant that you and I will be somewhere in mid-air with the rightful ruler of the world when this happens.

The American Youth Congress had their meeting in Washington last week. Among other things, they hissed and booed the distinguished President of their country; laughed and mocked the Congress of the United States; treated the wife of the President with contempt; virtually said their sympathies were with Russia as against Finland. 4,000 strong, they proclaimed their communistic sympathies and beliefs. Thank God, there were no Church of God young people in that crowd! God help America if the destiny of this country were to be committed to them.

Today (Feb. 20) we are informed that Paraguay, our South American neighbor, has become a dictator-ruled country. The President, who declared himself the dictator, said that the prevalence of anarchy prompted him to take this drastic step. They all manage to conjure up an ex-

cuse. Hitler said he became a dictator to stamp out communism. He then made an alliance with the communists, and is today their friend and ally. Dictatorships are being formed because it is through them that the Antichrist moves. The spirit of Antichrist is dominating the political situation in the world today. As I see it, when the various dictators have dragged their countries into deeper chaos and mire, then the Antichrist will appear in person and they will surrender their authority into his hands. God help the man or woman who will sin against the light of heaven, reject Christ and go into that terrible time of oppression.

How do Church of God people accept the following: A certain preacher in Charlotte, N. C., said this: "Were Jesus Christ to come in person to Charlotte today to evaluate our religion by things He sees in our city, I rejoice to think He would find much to commend. Our two splendid hospitals, for instance, now being erected, offering as they do better facilities for healing; our Christian doctors sharing their arts with our poor—I believe He would say 'inasmuch as they are ministering to these of mine, they are ministering to me.'" Just another effort to make it appear that the physicians are carrying out His command to "heal the sick." I actually had a D. D. of another faith to tell me that in those days they mixed their oil with different roots, herbs and medicines. They would anoint with one oil for one disease and another oil for another disease. Just any way in the world to "depart from the faith."

Dr. Frank Kingdom, President of Newark University, recently said: "Tonight the air is tremulous with the hum of machines flying over cities with a dreadful freightage of sudden death. The ears of the world are turned to the guns. What can it mean? It means it is given to us, for weal or for woe, to LIVE AT THE END of an epoch in the world's life. Make no mistake. It is not only war, but a world-wide upheaval of our institutions that we are seeing." God's people already know that. The old order, or Gentile dispensation, is now in its death struggles. The new order cometh. God's plan is

working and His program is on the march.

NEWSWEEK tells of another new religion. They are known as Beha'i; whatever that is. They have, in America, 2,500 members. It is based on the fact that in 1844 a Persian youth declared he was the forerunner of a new prophet sent from God. In due time the prophet came. His principal business seems to be to live in Persian luxury. They believe "9" is the perfect number. They have 88 churches in this country. They consider their prophet, Baha'u'llah to be a divine manifestation in this age as was Moses, Jesus, and other spiritual leaders. One thing in this changing world that remains the same, apparently, is the gullibility of the people. They are ready to believe any thing; whether it makes sense is a secondary matter. If they keep going their 2,500 will multiply into great numbers. Sure, "Giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."

The press is giving some attention these days to the question of godlessness in the public schools. They are bemoaning what they term "spiritual illiteracy." The schools, they say, have no prayers, no Bible readings, nothing to direct the child to spiritual standards. Churchmen have suggested that the school authorities give the children one hour off each week that they might be taught spiritual things in their own churches. It is impractical, they say, to allow it to be done in classrooms. The Catholics would be offended, the Jews would be offended, Christian Scientists would be offended, if the wrong interpretation were placed on the Scriptures. What then, is the answer? God's man had it a long time ago. TRAIN UP A CHILD. There it is, plain and simple. Too many times they are merely raised and not TRAINED.

Last week the Japanese people celebrated the birthday of their emperor whom they profoundly believe to be a god. He is said to be the 124th descendant of the sun. Hundreds of years B. C., the Japs believe, the emperor's ancestor was the god of the sun. He is in direct succession. So holy is he, indeed, that the

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## PRAY FOR—

The healing of my body; unspoken request.—Mrs. Minnie Batchelor, Rt. 1, Box 117, Malvern, Ark.

Me to be humble and consecrated to the Lord; me to receive the Holy Ghost; the Lord to bless our church, Sunday School and L.W.W.B.—Mrs. J. H. Brock, Wheelwright, Ky.

The healing of my little grandson of cold or flu; two unspoken requests; me to have more faith and get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Olustee, Fla.

My mind is in a continual turmoil and unrest due to the loss of a very dear friend, one on whom I depended continually, and now life has lost all to me. I seek to look away but it is difficult for me to rise above my circumstances. Kindly pray for a definite infilling in my life. There are a number of young folks needing my spiritual attention. Please pray.—E. Y. Muss, Cleveland, Ohio.

My husband to be healed of the flu and a severe cold; my two babies to be healed, they almost have the flu; God to deliver my husband of a habit; my family; God to provide food and clothes for my family.—Mrs. Katie L. Scott, Rt. 1, Box 161, Moorhead, Miss.

The healing of my eyes as I hardly have vision enough to go about my housework. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. Dora Gipson, Rt. 2, Box 15, Hixson, Tenn.

The healing of my eyes, I am blind; my son, Dewey Roberts, to be saved; my son to be healed of nervousness; unspoken request; a hindering cause to be removed.—Mrs. B. C. Martin, Lenoir City, Tenn.

Me to be healed of nervous indigestion; the Lord to increase my faith. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Singing evangelist, Jimmie Wade, 1112 Walter Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

My three boys to be so convicted that they will yield their hearts and lives to God.—Mrs. R. C. Hugendubler, Palmyra, Pa.

Pray for us and our work here; the healing of a girl here whom the doctors have given up. She is a Catholic but she believes God can heal. We are on a fast for her.—Elder and Sister D. Lockett (colored), 3521 Cedar, Cleveland, Ohio.

Me and my home; my husband to be saved; my two boys.—Othle Cadle, Double Springs, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Martha Perry, 147 E. 12th St., Salisbury, N. C.

The healing of my body which has been afflicted three years.—Lucy O. Bar, Georgia Ave., Cedartown, Ga.

The healing of my son-in-law of heart trouble. Anointed cloth appreciated. His address is Brother M. Allen, Hahira, Ga. Remember me also in prayer.—Mrs. E. C. Dedge, Haylow, Ga.

My mother who has been sick a long time to be healed; my unsaved loved ones to be saved; me to be an overcomer and be faithful.—Mrs. J. S. Langley, Cantwell, Mo.

God to help me stop a habit and that I will get sanctified; the Lord to help me; my husband's people to get salvation; my grandmother to stop a habit; other requests.—Mrs. Mable Fradey, Demorest, Ga.

The healing of my afflicted body; me to be healed of a bad cough, bad throat and heart trouble; a sister in Christ to be healed of heart trouble, nervousness, and bad eyes; a sister to be saved and healed; my unsaved husband to be healed.—Mrs. W. M. Byrd, Perdido, Ala.

The healing of my body; me and my husband to get closer to the Lord; a special unspoken request; the Lord to undertake for us; us to be overcomers.—Mrs. Sarah Gable, Lebanon, Ga.

Me to have complete victory and to be able to overcome some hard trials. Brother and Sister C. G. Edwards of Joseph Chapel, Miss., if you see this, please pray for me.—Oliver Runnels, Moorhead, Miss.

Me to be healed of kidney trouble; my husband to get salvation.—Leola Lee, Rt. 2, Cropwell, Ala.

My unsaved father and other loved ones to be saved; me to live the life before them; our pastor who has been ill; our church, Sunday School and Y. P. E. at Strait Creek.—Verlon Benefield, Rt. 2, Fyffe, Ala.

Special request; my mother to be healed of T. B.; our church here; the Lord to make a way for me to go to Bible School.—Miss Jessie Mae Fuller, Rt. 1, Box 110, Henderson, N. C.

The healing of my baby and me.—Leona Sharp, Doddsville, Miss.

The healing of my body; my needs.—Gossett, 67 Pendleton St., W. Greenville, S. C.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; my mother and daddy; an urgent request.—Fannie Lee Newby, Rt. 2, Cairo, Ga.

My sister-in-law's body to be healed; my loved ones in sin to be saved.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Lithia, Fla.

Me to be delivered from doubts; my faith to be strengthened. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Hazel Kirk, Barnabus, W. Va.

The healing of my body of gallstones and other ailments.—Mrs. Dewey McNeeley, Wharton, Va.

The Lord to heal me of a leaking heart and high blood pressure; me to go on with the Lord and get stronger in Him.—Josh Mixon, Moniac, Ga.

Our church and revival here at Columbus, Ga.; the healing of our pastor, Brother W. H. Black, who has been sick two weeks; the healing of Sister Black's body and that God will baptize her with the Holy Ghost in this revival; God to bless and encourage our young people; my mother to be healed; my father and loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Lula Holland, 3204 Park Ave., Columbus, Ga.

Me to be healed of a cough and other troubles; my husband's eyes to be healed, also that he will be healed other ways; the Lord to make a way for us to go to church.—Mrs. J. W. Brown, Derby, Ill.

My husband to receive the Holy Ghost; the revival here.—Mrs. Paul Walker, c/o H. E. Randell, Moore Haven, Fla.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Nellie Marsengill, Newry, S. C.

The healing of my afflicted body; my husband and me to do God's will; the gospel to be preached in McClure, Va.; our loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. M. E. Crum, McClure, Va.

Please pray a special prayer for my boy. He had flu or pneumonia about fourteen weeks ago. He had just received the Holy Ghost and we have certainly had a hard test ever since. His stomach and bowels are in an awful condition; he can't eat any solid food. He has spells and can hardly get his breath. We have prayed hard and have had prayer for him and he always gets good victory and has felt several times like he was healed but it comes back on him again. I know God can heal and I want every one to pray for him. I know the effectual fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much. He knows all about this and we have tried to let Him have His way, but this is a heavy burden on me and surely it will soon be lifted. Just about five weeks before this boy got sick he was in a wreck and got his arm broken; his two sisters were hurt, one seriously, and their mother was killed. All this has been on me and I am still trying to take it patiently, and surely all who read this will get on your knees and pray as though it were your boy. I believe God will heal him if you will join me in prayer. May God touch the hearts of at least a few to pray till you get victory. We have victory over sin and the devil, thank God, and are trying to do more for Him. Pray for me too.—L. J. Vollrath, Rt. 2, Decatur, Ga.

## I Want Heaven For My Home

RULE, Tex.—I praise the dear Lord that one day I found the highway of holiness which leads to heaven. I want to live so close to Him that I can feel His presence at all times and escape all those things Christ tells us are prepared for the devil and his angels. I want heaven more than ever for my home.—Maggie Rinehart.

## "Missionary"

Nassau, N. P., Bahama Islands  
February 1, 1910

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am indeed thankful that the Assembly unanimously decided to publish a Pentecostal paper, devoted to the interests of the Church of God, and I hasten, if perchance I may be able to greet the brethren and sisters in the name of our great pastor and coming King in the first issue, according to your kind invitation.



We landed at Nassau on the 4th of last month, and immediately hunted up Brother and Sister Barr, who came over in November last. I found that they were making full proof of their ministry. And although the usual places of worship were, as a rule, closed to them, yet they had rented a hall, and were faithfully preaching all phases of the full gospel of Christ, including the baptism of the Holy Ghost, as indicated by the Bible sign of speaking in tongues, as given in the Gospel of Mark 16:17; John 15:26, 27; Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6, etc. And the Spirit was already moving upon the hearts of the people.

We obtained a cottage and began to cooperate with them immediately; and up to the present time between fifteen and twenty have been converted, five sanctified, and about the same number have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues. This is the more remarkable because very few indeed of any church seem to know much of vital godliness.

Now we have seven places open to us for holding services, and invitations are coming in from other islands, where we are informed they will attend the services in multitudes, and in many places their spiritual condition is pitiable indeed. There are a number of open doors on the different islands, where the gospel can be preached effectually to hungry-hearted, English-speaking people, both white and colored. The harvest is indeed great, and the laborers are few. But let no one enter who is not thoroughly dead, and made alive in Christ Jesus, and cleansed, and filled with the Holy Ghost, so that he or she will not hesitate to get down to and labor for the most degraded of the Lord's poor creatures. In all of my study of mission fields, I know of none where an immediate return can be more hopefully looked for than on these islands. It

seems to me that the Church of God cannot do better for the present than to concentrate its force of men and means on this field, if the Lord so leads. I will write you more fully at a later date.

We put up our tent tomorrow, to continue a meeting during this month. Please ask the saints to pray for us.

May the Lord guide and bless you and all His faithful ones, is my humble prayer in Jesus' name.—Yours in love and labor for Jesus, R. M. Evans.

## We Have a Wonderful Jesus

GOULDSTOWN, Sask., Canada. — Dear Evangel readers: I used to be a strong Lutheran and I thought nobody could change my belief, but God did. I am now a Church of God member and have been since the summer of 1938. I am enjoying the good meetings we have and God is blessing in a wonderful way.

I praise God for full and free salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. I thank God that I have security for the heavenly home. The Lord picked me up from a life of sin and shame in the spring of 1937. In the fall, the 26th of September, the Lord also baptized me with His sweet Holy Ghost, a wonderful gift and experience.

I also praise my Savior for His wonderful power in healing my body. I had ulcers in my stomach and had to live on a diet for almost one year. I took medicine besides, but still I didn't get over it. After I was saved I started to pray about it and the Lord healed me. Praise His wonderful name. I had very bad tonsils. They used to swell up so I could hardly eat. The doctor told me they had to be taken out, but praise the Lord, they are still there but have never bothered me since. My lips, too, were very sore over a year. I was afraid it was a cancer, but we have a wonderful Jesus. He can also heal cancer. My lips have never been sore since.

Praise God, glory to His name. I am so glad to testify about my blessed Savior. If we can only trust in Him He will answer prayer. Jesus has been so wonderful to me and my family that I can never praise Him enough for His wonderful love and mercy.

Pray for the people around Herbert and Gouldstown, that they will get hungry for the full gospel of Jesus Christ.—Ole Roset.

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## Portsmouth, Ohio Blessed With the Church of God

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio. — Brother Thad Puckett came to Portsmouth, Ohio and held a four weeks' revival. He preached some wonderful sermons, organized a Church of God with thirteen mem-

bers and we are getting along as well as can be expected. Brother Puckett went back to Toledo, Ohio and has been hindered in coming back on account of illness. Pray for Brother Puckett's afflicted body and the little number at Portsmouth, Ohio, that God will give the increase in number, and pray for our Sunday School that it will grow. We have had Sunday School only two Sundays and seven were added from the Sunday before. Also pray that God will send us a revival and send Brother Puckett back, or the one He wants at Portsmouth. We surely need your prayers for the Church of God here.—E. C. Cheek, clerk.

## An Old Subscriber Writes

Dear Brother Simmons:

Just a few words in appreciation of the Church of God Evangel. I have been a lover and reader of the Evangel for years. Sometime in 1910 or 1911, I have forgotten which, my son subscribed for the Evangel for his sister and it has been in my home or the home I lived in ever since. There were eight or nine years that I lived with my son and his wife that I was not a subscriber, but he was, and I read the Evangel.

I enjoy the page with the Daily Bread and Question Box very much, also the Evangel office page. I have prayed for the Evangel office staff, but since you have been showing the pictures somehow it has inspired me to pray more earnestly for the Evangel office and each brother and sister who labors there from day to day. Some I met while I was in Tennessee in 1925 and 1926, Brother Joe Little, Sister Lydia Munn, Brother E. J. Boehmer and Sister Daniel. She was Miss Vienna Free when I first saw her. Perhaps there are others I knew but have forgotten their names as it is hard to remember.

I also enjoy the page, Leaves From the Fig Tree, but there isn't any of the dear paper that I don't enjoy.—Your sister, Mother Douglas, Wimauma, Fla.

## NOTICES

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ones who have gone over the top by the time of the district conventions will be on both honor rolls while the others will be on only one. I feel this will be in order. 1 Tim. 5:17 says, "Let the elder that rules well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." So all who work good, we are going to give you double honor. Rom. 2:10 says, "But glory, honor, and peace to every man that worketh good." So come on and let's put this over one hundred per cent. I believe we can don't you?—J. L. Dorman, overseer of Mississippi, 1108 River Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss.

## The Aggressive Power of Christianity

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record describes His manner of life in one short sentence, "He went about, doing good."

The Mosaic institution was peculiar. It was conservative rather than aggressive. It didn't turn from the gate when one knocked, but it did not go out after the wanderer to bring him to the fold. Religion made no decided progress even in Israel, except as the servants of the Lord made specific movements for this purpose. In times of growing declension and abounding wickedness, some Elijah must come forth to warn the wicked of their wicked ways. Some Nehemiah must rouse and lead, and pressing onward from conquering to conquer, must in the name of the Lord of hosts achieve the victory. If this aspect of things strikes us in the history of the Old Testament dispensation, how much more in that of the New?

Mark how faithfully the first preachers of the gospel carried out their divine commission. They began as directed, at Jerusalem, and having set up thousand of bulwarks to the power of salvation through the truth, they then took up the standard of the cross and bore it in triumph around the globe. They went from city to city, and from region to region, and everywhere they acted aggressively. They assailed pagan superstition in all its strongholds; they overturned its altars of blood; they cast down its false gods, calling all to repentance and to turn to the living God. It was thus that the apostles and their successors conquered for Christ and shouts of victory and songs of deliverance went up to heaven from a regenerated world. So it has ever been, and so I believe it will continue to be to the end of the world. Just in proportion as the Church in the Spirit of Christ attempts spiritual aggression, missionary enterprises, at home and abroad, in the same proportion its interests are smiled upon and prospered.

If these things are so then, our main position is established; namely, that it is chiefly by the external and missionary movements of the Church that she is to maintain life and health in her own soul and extend the empire of pure religion abroad and fill the earth with the light and glory of God. This discussion throws light upon the providences of God toward the Church now as in the former days. He allows heresies, persecutions, and various forms of afflictions from time to time to invade the Church because sometimes she perhaps has forgotten the end for which He established her. What was the effect of the persecutions and sufferings alluded to in the text? The seed of God's truth were widely scattered. The converts at Jerusalem did not even yet fully understand the gospel's glorious mission and aimed to do for this great consummation,

their duty to give it to a lost world. Therefore, God suffered Satan to stir up the spirit of persecution and scatter them abroad. Their trials quickened their piety, their love for Christ and for souls.

The devil would like for us to be at ease in Zion, and for a deep spiritual lethargy, like the sleep of death, to settle down upon the Christians and for them to live to themselves and care little for others, be selfish and worldly and make no advance in holiness, let sinners remain unproved and unconverted, but then in what sense can it be affirmed of such professing Christians, that they are the salt of the earth or the light of the world? Do they not rather painfully verify another declaration of our Lord, "For if the salt hath lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men"? Let us then be warned, the path of individual and associated piety is the same. In order even to permanently exist, there must be aggressive, holy action. The Church must not live always in the temple or abide on the mount, nor even tarry at Jerusalem; she must go "forth as the morning, fair as the moon,

clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners," amid self-denial and conflicts.

The same is true of the individual members of the Church, and just in proportion as they resist the claims of duty and withdraw from all active effort for God, their piety withers and their usefulness declines. Hence the deplorable fact, that in every church so many are found who add to the number but not at all to the strength or efficiency of the Church. They might at any time enter the church triumphant if peradventure the gate of heaven could open wide enough to admit them and the Church militant would not, in her great conflict with sin, miss their influence. Like the retinue of an army, they swell the roll, encumber the camp, impede the march, and in the day of battle they only embarrass the faithful. When such disciples die, who will welcome them to everlasting habitations? The story of your religious life will soon be written. It will be summed up chiefly in this, What did he prayerfully attempt for God, against sin and evil fought, that someone might find the blessing of salvation? What you have done or humbly

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### Mexican Group Unites With Church

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reward them for their efforts; also our Brother Ingram who has for some five years been working so faithfully among this lovely people.

May God continue to bless these precious people. Do pray that He will help us develop our plans for the Bible School and printing establishment there in Mexico City.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

### Leaves From the Fig Trees

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common people can never even see him. Nothing must be built taller than where he will stand. No human hands must touch him. Even his tailors measure him for clothing by guess, not being allowed to touch such a holy object. Every thing in Japan is owned by him. Soldiers consider it an extra great honor to die for him. Silly, isn't it? Not any sillier than some of the things we witness daily in Christian America.

### Bible School Echoes

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go into store No. 2 and as a rule I would have to stand and wait for some time, or perhaps go to some far corner of the store and address the clerk who was busily engaged behind the counter doing just about NOTHING.

May God bless you who chance to read this and let's be as King David. He counted nothing too costly for his Lord.—From one who is interested in your prayers, Alex J. Sittner.

### A Miracle Performed by Christ

Nearly two years ago on the 24th day of May, 1938, Christ knocked at the door of my heart and asked to be admitted. I truly have been rejoicing ever since I opened the door to Him, the One who gave His life on Calvary for my sins. It was only six weeks later, on July 10, that He baptized me with the Holy Ghost, which I praise Him for each day of my life.

I especially thank Jesus for His tender mercy towards me and the wonderful miracle that He has performed in my life. Two years previously I had accepted Christ as my Savior but because of my unworthiness to Him I drifted from Him,

but through His tender love He picked me up and placed me upon the Rock once more.

It was during my last year's term of teaching that Jesus once again spoke to me and revealed to me my need of attending Bible School so that I might become a better servant for Him. To me this was quite a decision to make for I had planned to go back to the same college that I had attended previously to better equip myself as a teacher. Through this little experience, Christ taught me that all our plans should be subject to change according to His precious will. Praise His most holy name!

I am now attending the Northwest Bible and Music Academy, which has been a special blessing in my life. I so much appreciate my teachers for they are holding high the blood-stained banner of Christ Jesus. It is a most blessed privilege that God has granted us as one of a student body to enjoy that wonderful Christian fellowship that Christ has given us.

The most sincere desire of my heart is to live a life that might be pleasing in Christ's sight and through my life win others to Christ.

May God bless you all. Pray for me.—June N. Becker, Gettysburg, S. Dak.

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### Daily Bread

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is on the battlefield for Christ, there is fighting all along the line but it is the good fight of faith.

Saturday, March 9

"Why yet find fault?"

Read Rom. 9:19.

No one should revel in or excuse himself for his mistakes but better be a little faulty than a faultfinder. A proverb from India says, "A faulty diamond is more valuable than a perfect pebble." So in God's estimation, believers, in spite of their faults, are far more valuable than unbelieving moralists or than those who because they are not Christians boast that they are not hypocrites. People who look through faulty eyes can always see faults in others.

### Question Box

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Joshua Jericho was one of the more important cities of Canaan. Just how far it was around the walls cannot be ascertained. The cities were built very compact so as to enclose as much as possible in as small a space as possible. The walls were builded of sun-dried brick and quite a bit of it has been unearthed by the spade of the archeologists.

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## OBITUARIES

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.*

### BUTLER

Darlene Ruth Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manifee Butler, was born Sept. 23, 1937 and departed this life Feb. 7, 1940; age two years, four months and fifteen days.—E. Ballard, Vanceburg, Ky.

### CAUDILL

Little Barbara Caudill, faithful member of the Church of God Sunday School and Y. P. E. of Iaeger, W. Va., passed away Feb. 2, 1940; age thirteen years.—President of Y. P. E., Miss Aline Phillips, Iaeger, W. Va.

### KIGGANS

Brother William Kiggans, of Dart, Ohio, was born Jan. 31, 1878 and departed this life Jan. 16, 1940; age sixty-one years, eleven months and seventeen days. He had been a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God for seventeen years.—W. L. Pate, his pastor, 341 Pike St., Marietta, Ohio.

### GUILL

George Arthur Guill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guill, was born Oct. 4, 1913 and died Jan. 23, 1940; age twenty-six years, three months and four days. He joined the Church of God two days before his death; he was saved and ready to go. He left a special request for prayer for his unsaved mother, father, sisters and brothers to be saved and see the light on the Church of God as he had seen it.—Edward Marks, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 20, Henderson, N. C.

### RAWLS

Sister Julia Rawls departed this life Feb. 1, 1940, age sixty-six years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God.—Mrs. Viola Murray.

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### Can Show You the Place

STARKVILLE, Miss.—I praise God that a little over two years ago at the children's prayer service, while Sister Virginia Jones, one of our young sisters, was reading the Word and commenting on it, "something got hold of me." I can take you there and show you the place where God truly saved me by His wonderful

grace that evening. A little later He gave me the Holy Ghost and truly I thank Him for it.

Please pray for the healing of my grandfather and grandmother. They have served God a long time and have truly been a great help to me and I feel it my duty to ask you to help me pray for them. Saints, please pray for them as God has healed them before.

We thank God for our church here at Mars Hill. We also thank Him for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Kimbrough. Pray for us.

I am a girl of sixteen and president of our recently organized Y. P. E. Pray for me that I will be true till Jesus comes and that I'll be a blessing to other young people. Pray that I will be humble.—Miss Odessa Watkins.

## REVIVALS

*"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years," Hab. 3:2.*

WHEELING, W. Va.—I am glad to report victory in the revival which has just closed here, Bro. Cecil T. Johnston, of Bluefield, W. Va., was the evangelist. He did some wonderful preaching; there were large crowds from the beginning, the house was filled every service. There was much interest. There were many seekers at the altar every night. Some were old men who had silvery hair, praying for Jesus to save them.

There were fifteen saved, nine sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. We are planning on setting a church in order here in the near future. The people really enjoyed hearing Brother Johnston preach and unbelievers were convinced of this good way. We highly recommend Brother Johnston as an evangelist, and we hope to have him back soon for another meeting, if Jesus tarries. You may get in touch with him at 409 Bluefield Ave., Bluefield, W. Va. Don't forget to pray for us and Brother Johnston.—Wm. E. Jones and family.

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HENRIETTA, Tex.—The Lord surely gave us a wonderful time in the revival conducted by Evangelist Aubrey Michel. The power of God was present in every service. Brother Michel delivered the Word under the anointing which had effect. There were eight saved, three sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival spirit is still going on as one received the Holy Ghost last night.

We love our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, and we have a wonderful

district overseer, Brother H. N. Bridges. We appreciate him as our coworker in this good work. Come back to Henrietta, Brother Michel, you are welcome any time.—Sister W. E. Rampy, Box 273.

### Revival With James Slay

AKRON, Ohio.—Hello, Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. We are glad to report victory just now through the atoning blood of Jesus. Praise His wonderful name! The Church of God at Akron is progressing nicely under the leadership of our new pastor, Rev. R. C. Cook. We thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister Cook to us. We certainly appreciate him and his family and their untiring efforts in the interest of advancing the church work in Akron. We have not forgotten our former pastor, Rev. D. G. Phillips, and his good family. We love them still and may God bless them in their field of labor.

Every department of the church seems to be at its best. We have a good Sunday School, also a good Y. P. E. It is growing. We had 122 for Y. P. E. service on Jan. 12.

We just closed a three weeks' revival with Rev. James L. Slay, of Alabama, as the evangelist. He certainly is a wonderful preacher. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. There were nineteen saved, eleven sanctified and seven baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, (the good old Bible way, praise the Lord). Nine were added to the church, many were encouraged, for which we thank the Lord.

There were really not as many saved as we hoped for, but eternity alone will reveal the success of the revival. I don't believe there was ever any more of the Word of God delivered in the short amount of time than was during this revival. But we know that this is the time when we need to plant seed and work, for night cometh when no man can work.

We're planning on starting another revival on Sunday night, Feb. 11, with Rev. and Mrs. Finnis Jennings Dake in charge. When you pray remember the revival that God will give us a harvest of souls.

I feel very deeply impressed to mention our radio broadcast each Sunday morning over station WADC, Akron, from 8:00-8:30, with our pastor and pastors on the district, in charge. This is a 5,000 watt station, 1320 kilocycles. We would like to have you as one of our radio listeners. Pray for us at Akron that we may ever be found faithful, doing the will of God.—Mrs. Marie Mellinger, reporter, Box 167, Ellet, Ohio.

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